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Remarks:

In telephone discussions with the Examiner, it was requested that applicants clarify the apparatus claims to indicate that the software executes on a processor. It was also requested that applicants' clarify how applicants' invention differs from redlining and from the Kennedy reference cited.

Applicants have agreed to Examiner's amendments to the apparatus claims to include a processor to clarify and more distinctly point out and claim applicant's invention, but